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*House Meets at 12:30 p.m. for Morning Hour and 2:00 p.m. for Legislative Business
(No Votes Before 5:00 p.m.)*

Anticipated Floor Action:

H.R. 968—Nurse Aid Training Correction

H.R. 607—Homeowners Insurance Protection Act

**H.R. 28—Rural Multifamily Rental Housing Loan Guarantee Program
Extension Act**

**H.R. 1000—Preventing Prisoners from Being Considered Part of a Household
When Determining Eligibility for Food Stamp Benefits**

H.R. 394—Releasing U.S. Reversionary Interest in Iosco County, Michigan

**H.R. 785—Designating the J. Phil Campbell Sr. Natural Resource
Conservation Center**

H.R. 111—Dos Palos Land Conveyance Act



H.R. 968—Nurse Aide Training Correction

Floor Situation: The House will consider H.R. 968 under the “corrections day” procedure as its first order of business today. It is debatable for one hour, may only be amended by the chairman of the committee of jurisdiction, and requires a three-fifths majority vote for passage. House rules provide for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

Summary: H.R. 968 amends the Social Security Act to waive the prohibition on offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs for certain nursing facilities as long as a state can demonstrate that there is no other similar program within a reasonable distance and that there is an adequate environment for offering the programs. The facility must notify the state’s long-term care ombudsman (public complaints investigator) that the training and competency programs are con-

tinuing. CBO estimates that enactment of H.R. 968 will have no budgetary impact on the federal government. The bill was introduced by Messrs. Ehrlich, Burr, and Minge and ordered reported by both the Commerce and Ways & Means Committees by voice vote.

Views (on the overall bill):

Republican Leadership:	Supports
Chairman Bliley:	Supports
Chairman Archer:	Supports
Clinton Administration:	No Position Available

Additional Information: See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXVI, #8, April 4, 1997.



Bills Considered Under Suspension of the Rules

Floor Situation: The House will consider the following six bills under suspension of the rules after it completes consideration of H.R. 968. Each is debatable for 40 minutes, may not be amended, and requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

H.R. 607—Homeowners Insurance Protection Act amends the 1974 Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA) to require that creditors provide free written disclosures to consumers about cancellation rights for Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI) if a consumer must obtain such insurance as a condition for entering into a residential mortgage transaction. Furthermore, the bill creates statutory rights for borrowers to terminate mortgage insurance once the conditions disclosed under the above-required notices are met. Once a loan reaches a 75 percent loan-to-value ratio (LTV; i.e., the ratio of the loan to the value of the property being mortgaged), the bill automatically terminates any requirement for the borrower to continue to pay mortgage insurance premiums. CBO estimates that enactment will have no significant effect on the federal budget. The bill does affect direct spending, so pay-as-you-go procedures apply; however, CBO estimates that any such affect will be negligible. H.R. 607 was introduced by Mr. Hansen and reported by the Banking & Financial Services Committee by a vote of 36-1 on March 20, 1997.

H.R. 28—Rural Multifamily Rental Housing Loan Guarantee Extension Act amends the 1949 Housing Act to permanently authorize the Agriculture Department's Rural Housing and Community Development Service (RHCDs), which guarantees rural rental housing loans made by private lenders. This authorization expired on September 30, 1996. Furthermore, the bill makes limitations for loan guarantees subject to the availability of appropriations. CBO estimates that enactment will result in no significant cost to the federal government. H.R. 28 was introduced by Mr. Bereuter and was not reported by any committee.

H.R. 1000—Preventing Prisoners from Being Considered Part of a Household When Determining Eligibility for Food Stamp Benefits requires states to establish a system to (1) verify that an individual does not receive food stamps in more than one jurisdiction within the state and (2) ensure that individuals detained in federal, state, or county penal institutions are not counted as household members when determining eligibility for food stamps or benefit levels. States have one

year from the date of enactment to comply with the provisions of the bill without risk of penalty. States that fail to comply could lose federal food stamp administration funds or face legal action. CBO estimates that enactment will increase federal spending by \$1 million in FY 1998 and decrease federal spending by \$1 million in FY 1999 and \$2 million in each subsequent fiscal year. H.R. 1000 was introduced by Mr. Goodlatte and ordered reported by the Agriculture Committee by voice vote.

H.R. 394—Releasing U.S. Reversionary Interest in Iosco County, Michigan authorizes the release of a reversionary interest held by the United States in 1.92 acres of property in Iosco County, Michigan. This property was provided to the county for an airport, but a reversionary interest was retained by the United States in the event the land was used for another purpose. Due to a survey error, some of the property has been in private use. The private party has agreed to provide an equal parcel of land to Iosco County in exchange for the 1.92 acres. However, release of the reversionary interest held by the United States is necessary to carry out the land exchange. CBO estimates that enactment will result in no significant cost to the federal government. H.R. 394 was introduced by Mr. Barcia and ordered reported by the Agriculture Committee by voice vote.

H.R. 785—Designating the J. Phil Campbell Sr. Natural Resource Conservation Center designates the Southern Piedmont Conservation Research Center, located in Watkinsville, Georgia, as the “J. Phil Campbell Sr. Natural Resource Conservation Center.” The research center will honor J. Phil Campbell, Sr., a Franklin Delano Roosevelt appointee, for his lifelong contribution to agriculture and conservation. CBO estimates that enactment will result in no significant cost to the federal government. H.R. 785 was introduced by Mr. Norwood and ordered reported by the Agriculture Committee by voice vote.

H.R. 111—Dos Palos Land Conveyance Act authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to sell 22 acres of unused land in Dos Palos, California, to a nonprofit group, the Dos Palos Ag Boosters. The parcel of land will be used as an educational site to provide students and beginning farmers with training and skills relating to farming practices. The sale will be based on the fair market value of the land as determined by the Agriculture Department’s Farm Service Agency. CBO estimates that enactment will result in no significant cost to the federal government. H.R. 111 was introduced by Mr. Condit and ordered reported by the Agriculture Committee by voice vote.

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